

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts**  
**Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen**  
**in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

October 27, 2005, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2005.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Petition Comcast for a Grant of Location to install 44 ft. of conduit on Sterling St. for Dilboy Stadium.
4. Petition RCN-Becocom LLC for a Grant of Location to install 44 ft. of conduit on Sterling St. for Dilboy Stadium.
5. Petition Verizon for a Grant of Location to install 44 ft. of conduit on Sterling St. for Dilboy Stadium.
6. Petition Corporate Environmental Advisors Inc. for the Grant of Location to install 2 monitoring wells on Linden St. and Allen St.
7. Petition Advantage Auto Repair/Quality @ Your Service for a Garage License at 47 Webster Ave., for auto repair and auto body work for 16 vehicles.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS**  
**AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

8. Citation By Ald. Connolly, Commending Patrick McAnney and Luke Graham for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest advancement rank in Scouting.
9. Citation By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, Commending Sgt. Stephen Carrabino for graduating from the FBI's prestigious National Academy.

10. Citation By Ald. Sullivan, Commending Alice Comack and twelve high school students for their outstanding participation in the international Empower Peace Broadcast, involving Pakistan, Egypt, and the United States.
11. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking reposition the traffic light near Avon and Central Sts., as it is facing the wrong direction.
12. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Chief Fire Engineer repair the two I beams set to protect the fire alarm at the corner of Summer and Central Sts.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the older PRIVATE WAY sign on the corner of Chester St. and Chester Pl.
14. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the uplifted sidewalk plates at 851 Broadway and 58 Liberty Ave.
15. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police report to this Board on the status of the intersection of Willow Ave. and Summer St. and make any safety recommendations necessary.
16. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street light at the corner of Prospect St. and Somerville Ave.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD require that the Planning Dept. include a review of utilities for every project before the Planning Board, review such issues with the Superintendent of Highways, and include a condition in every recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals that utilities be run underground when a particular project meets the criteria set forth in the Zoning Code.
18. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor advise the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Director of SPCD and this Board whether the holder or applicant of a license must also be the owner of a business and whether one license holder can have several different businesses operating under the same license when he/she is not the owner of the businesses.
19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider increasing all parking meters to half-hour intervals as opposed to 15-minute intervals.

20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police place an Officer at each grammar school citywide during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up hours.
21. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That NStar be notified to appear before the Public Utilities Committee to explain their inability to properly notify residents of interruptions in gas services.
22. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD report to this Board the progress of the Magoun Sq. improvements.
23. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD order the owner of the project at Medford and Trull Sts. to secure it by closing all holes, doors, windows and fencing.
24. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inspect any and all homes on Trull St. that may be operating as illegal rooming houses.
25. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD dispatch the Neighborhood Impact Team to inspect homes for illegal apartments on Dorenzo Way.
26. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct a speed mitigation study on Medford St. from Central St. to Norwood Ave., and contact the Ward 5 Alderman to then gain neighborhood input.
27. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the tar panel at 100 Albion St. with cement.
28. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police place a speed board on Cedar St., at Clyde St. and at Cedar Ave.
29. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Clerk request of our State Delegation an update and a community meeting on the Lowell St. Bridge reconstruction.
30. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order increased pedestrian traffic enforcement at Weston Ave. and Broadway.
31. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works have the Arborist inspect all large trees in Ward 7 for disease or damage that might place the public in jeopardy.
32. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works inform the Ward 7 Alderman if there are any further disruptions to the heating system or other maintenance issues at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

33. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the lighting along Cameron Ave. and inform the Ward 7 Alderman of any improvements that can be made. (2nd request)
34. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan and White, That this Board requests that the Administration make the ADA Coordinator a full-time position.
35. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Pero and White, That the Environmental Officer, the Director of Health and the Commissioner of Public Works investigate residents' complaints regarding the storage of road salt on Temple St. underneath Route 93 by the MA Highway Dept. for any health hazards and quality of life issues for residents on Bailey Rd.
36. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Director of SPCD visit the proprietor of 42 Broadway to discuss and rectify the overflowing dumpster behind the building.
37. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking examine the entrances for vehicles at 252 Highland Ave. and Cobble Hill Apts. on Washington St. and make suggestions to improve conditions.
38. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Heuston, Pero, White and Taylor, That the Director of SPCD report back to this Board the timeline for the MBTA to replace bus shelters, and work with the MBTA to notify government officials and residents of future renovations before they happen.
39. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead trees at 4 Aldersey St. and 41 Berkeley St.
40. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim or replace the tree at 14 Harvard Place.
41. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Lowell St. between Somerville Ave. and Summer St.
42. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at Stone Place Playground between 10 PM and 1 AM and remove those persons who are congregating.
43. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police enforce the NO PARKING restrictions at Hamlet St. and Highland Ave., and within 20 feet of the driveway entrance at 252 Medford St.

44. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police set a speed board and trap on Highland Ave. between School and Central Sts. and report findings back to the Ward Alderman and the Director of Traffic and Parking.
45. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the speed of traffic on Highland Ave., between School and Central Sts. and make recommendations to ensure that the residents of 114 Highland Ave. can cross Highland Ave. safely. (2nd Request)
46. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD ensure that plans are in place to reinstall the bus shelter at the intersection of Highland Ave. and Medford St.
47. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Elections Commissioner and the Commissioner of Public Works work with the Ward 1 Alderman to determine sufficient voter parking spots for vehicles to park in front of Ward 1 voting locations on Election Day.
48. Resolution By Ald. White, That this Board favors legislation before the State Legislature to provide a tax break to senior citizens by increasing state income tax credits for senior citizens in connection with their payment of local real estate taxes and water and sewer charges.
49. Order By Ald. White, Sullivan and Provost, That the Chief Assessor, a representative of the Condominium Review Board, the Director of Finance, and the Director of SPCD and any appropriate personnel in his housing programs appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to assist in obtaining the information requested by Board Order #179806.
50. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board of the progress made on the issues that stopped work on the Sycamore St. Bridge, and the anticipated schedule for resuming and completing work.
51. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Project Manager report to this Board on progress at the Lincoln Park Community School project, and its anticipated demolition and reconstruction.
52. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor inform this Board what can be done through Home Rule Petition to increase jurisdiction over violations of law on private ways.

- 53.     Order        By Ald. Provost, That the Chief of Police report to this Board what actions he may take in response to traffic accidents on private ways.
  
- 54.     Order        By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan, That a representative of SPCD attend the next Neighborhood Meeting on the Lowell St. Bridge, and bring copies of any MEPA Environmental Notification Forms for work at the Maxpack site and any Mass. Highway curb cut permits issued for Lowell St. abutting the site.
  
- 55.     Order        By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking attend the next Neighborhood Meeting on the progress of the Lowell St. Bridge and begin planning for traffic safety when the bridge re-opens.
  
- 56.     Order        By Ald. Provost and White, That this Board's Committee on Youth Services hold a well-advertised public hearing on the Saturday Youth Basketball program, before any changes are made to the program by the Recreation Dept.
  
- 57.     Resolution   By Ald. Provost, That this Board requests that a representative of the Administration attend this Board's Committee on Youth Services public hearing on the Saturday Youth Basketball program.
  
- 58.     Order        By Ald. Pero, That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance creating a Commission of Monuments, Memorials and Dedications.
  
- 59.     Resolution   By Ald. Pero, That this Board requests that DCR have the State Police enforce the U-Turn restriction on Shore Dr. and Rt. 16.
  
- 60.     Order        By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works paint the lane line on School St. from Broadway to Medford St.
  
- 61.     Order        By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 72 Thurston St.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

- 62.     Mayor's Request    Requesting a transfer of \$346,189.59 from the Salary Contingent Acct. to various PS Accts. to fund SMEA Unit A retroactive payments from 7/1/02 to 9/24/05.

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| 63. | Mayor's Request | Requesting a transfer of \$28,416.54 from the Health Salary Acct. to the Constituent Svcs. Salary Acct. to partially fund two Constituent Services Representatives for the remainder of FY06.             |
| 64. | Mayor's Request | Requesting a transfer of \$17,405.18 from the Inspectional Svcs. Salary Acct. to the Constituent Svcs. Salary Acct. to partially fund two Constituent Services Representatives for the remainder of FY06. |
| 65. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of an agreement with Waste Mgmt. Inc. to operate the City's transfer station at 10 Poplar St.   |
| 66. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization to enter into a five-year lease with an option to purchase an International 7600 Vactor Sewer Truck for the daily operation of the Sewer Division.                               |
| 67. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Dr. Brian Jeffrey Green to the Board of Health, replacing Dr. Osler.  |
| 68. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Maria Parra to the Board of Health, replacing Cecilia Sosa-Patterson.   |

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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| 69. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Services, Oct. 18.   |
| 70. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Oct. 18.   |
| 71. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Oct. 18.  |
| 72. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board, Oct. 20. |
| 73. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Oct. 25.  |
| 74. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Oct. 25.   |
| 75. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Finance, Oct. 26.  |

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

- 76. City Officer Comm. Planning Board re: Amending the Zoning Ordinance to clarify and improve upon the sales price formula for affordable housing units.
- 77. City Officer Comm. Planning Board re: Rezoning land parcels at 339-349 Summer St. from CBD zoning to RA zoning.
- 78. City Officer Comm. Retirement Board Exec. Secretary responding to #179544 re: an increase in retirement allowances in accordance with MGL c32 s90A, C and D.
- 79. City Officer Comm. Chief Assessor responding to #179806 re: Condominium conversion information.
- 80. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 81. Public Occ **Public Property Occupancy Permit**  
Somerville Pride Girls' Basketball Canning Drive, Broadway & McGrath Hwy. and various stores; Oct. 29, 8:30AM – 3:30PM.
- 82. Public Occ Trading Spaces TV Show Filming, 33 Kingston St. and citywide, Nov. 15-18.
- 83. Public Occ Somerville Rotary Club, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Davis Sq. T Stations and corner of Elm St. & Highland Ave., Dec. 12, 8AM-4PM.
- 84. Drain Layer **New Drain Layer's License**  
Stealth Construction Sewer & Drain.
- 85. Garage Lic. **New Garage License**  
Doucette Auto Service, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 8 autos.
- 86. Used Car Lic **New Second Hand Auto Dealer License Class II**  
Star Auto Sales Inc., 29 Webster Ave., 30+ autos

### **ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM**